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Knowsley Landlord Accreditation Scheme (KLAS)
and Property Register

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Benefits of the scheme

By joining the scheme you can access a number of benefits for you and your business, completely free of charge. Benefits include:

- Self-certificate - create your own account and upload your certificates online to become accredited
- Manage your portfolio online using our website
- Gain the status of being publically identified as a good landlord
- Use of the Knowsley Landlord Accreditation Scheme logo
- Borough-wide promotion of the scheme to Knowsley residents
- Free regular newsletter offering advice for landlords
- Invitations to landlord events
- One point of call for help and advice regarding any property or tenancy issues
- Help and advice to mediate tenancy issues or disputes
- Free advertising on Property Pool Plus
- Access to the tenancy bond scheme
- Advice about accessing energy efficiency grants

How to join

The scheme is free to join. You will be asked to confirm your details periodically.

Firstly, read through the Code of Property and Management Standards and then complete the application form online.

Once you have completed your application a member of the team will be in touch and your certificate will be forwarded electronically.

FREE TO JOIN

Frequently asked questions

What standards are required to join the scheme?

The scheme relies largely on self-regulation and landlords must agree to abide by the Code of Property and Management Standards.

Properties must be free from Category 1 hazards as defined by the current Housing Standard for private let properties in the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS).

As part of the accreditation process 10% of properties will be randomly selected for auditing. If selected, you may wish to use this as an opportunity to carry out your own planned inspections.

The scheme provides information through newsletters, forums and training events which will keep you up to date with any legislative changes.

What if the property fails to meet the standards during the auditing process?

We will work with you to correct any failures and agree a timeframe needed to carry out the works then carry out a re-inspection. Our assessor may also advise you about any longer term issues in your property.

Do all properties have to be registered?

Yes. Landlords must list all properties within their portfolio. Once you are accredited you can access the benefits for all properties listed, such as free advertising on **www.propertypoolplus.org.uk.**

How long does accreditation last for?

Once accredited, you will remain a member unless you decide to opt out. Within this period it is your responsibility to renew any certificates that have expired, such as a Landlord Gas Safety Record, or when an Electrical Installation Condition Report recommends re-examination of electrical installations. You are also required to update your account with changes to your portfolio.

You will be asked to confirm your details are correct periodically.

How much does it cost to join the scheme?

Nothing - the scheme is currently free to join.

What if I am refused accreditation status or have my membership revoked?

The scheme is self certifying, however, if your property is selected for audit and you fail to meet the scheme standards or have your membership suspended or revoked you will be given a full written explanation. If you disagree with the decision you will be entitled to a right of appeal.

Aside from property and management standards are there any additional requirements of the scheme?

You will need to:

- provide an updated list of property portfolio on request
- provide access to your properties for the Strategic Housing Team to carry out audits when necessary
- ensure all properties meet the requirements of the scheme at all times